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Draft report of the Working Group (Part I)

Chairman: Mr. Philippe KIRSCH (Canada)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The General Assembly, by its resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1997, decided to establish an Ad Hoc Committee, open to all States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency, to elaborate, inter alia, an international convention for the suppression of terrorist bombings. The Assembly recommended that the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, which held its first session from 27 February to 3 March 1997, continue during the fifty-second session of the Assembly from 22 September to 3 October 1997 in the framework of a working group of the Sixth Committee.

2. In accordance with that recommendation, the Sixth Committee, at its 2nd meeting, on 22 September 1997, established such a Working Group and elected Mr. Philippe Kirsch (Canada) as its Chairman.

3. Pursuant to the decision taken by the Sixth Committee at its 2nd meeting, the Working Group was open to all States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

4. The Working Group held 17 meetings, from 22 September to 3 October 1997.

5. The Working Group had before it the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the work of its first session,[1] which included revised texts of articles 1 to 12 ter of the draft convention proposed by the Bureau on the basis of the discussions

in the informal consultations within the Ad Hoc Committee. Those texts were reproduced together with the preamble and articles 13 to 17 of the original draft convention contained in the preliminary working document submitted by France on behalf of the group of seven major industrialized countries and the Russian Federation.[2]

6. The Working Group also had before it the following proposals submitted during its work:

Symbol	Country	Subject
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.1	United States of America	Article 1
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.2	United States of America	Article 2, paragraph 1 (b)
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.3	New Zealand	Article 3
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.4	Syrian Arab Republic	Articles 1 and 3
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.5	Germany	Article 2, paragraph 1
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.6	China	Article 2, paragraph 1
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.7	China	Preamble
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.8	Pakistan	Articles 7 and 8
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.9	Syrian Arab Republic	Preamble
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.10	Syrian Arab Republic	Articles 4 and 5
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.11	Belgium	Preamble and articles 1 (para. 4), 3, 5 (para. 2 bis), 10 bis and 12 ter
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.12	Finland	Article 2, paragraph 3
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.13	Australia	New article 2 bis
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.14	Republic of Korea	Articles 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 10 bis, 11, 12 and 12 bis
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.15	Netherlands	Article 3
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.16	Sudan	Preamble
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.17	South Africa	Article 8, paragraph 6 bis
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.18	Ukraine	Article 8, paragraphs 1 and 5
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.19	China	Article 10
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.20	Austria	Article 9

Symbol	Country	Subject
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.21	China and Côte d'Ivoire	Article 6
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.22	China	Article 5
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.23	Sweden	Article 8, paragrap 7
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.24	Finland	Article 9 bis
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.25	Syrian Arab Republic	New article to follow article 12 ter
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.26	Botswana	Article 2
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.27	South Africa and Switzerland	Article 3
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.28	Egypt	Article 12 ter
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.29	Belgium	Article 3
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.30	Mexico	Articles 7 and 10
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.31	Friends of the Chairman	Revised texts of articles 4 to 12 bis and 13 to 17
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.31/Add.1	Friends of the Chairman	Preamble and revised texts of articles 1 (paras. 2, 3, 5 and 6), 2 and 2 bis
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.32	China	Title
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.33	China	Article 1
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.34	Syrian Arab Republic	Article 5
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.35	Guatemala	Articles 6 (para. 4) and 8 (para. 4 of CRP.31)
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.36	Côte d'Ivoire	Article 9 (affecting French version only)
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.37	Belgium	Article 5, paragraph 2 bis
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.38	Austria	Article 6
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.39	Belgium	Article 3
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.40	Norway and the United States	Article 2 bis
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.41	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Article 11
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.42	Canada	Article 2 (4)

Symbol	Country	Subject
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.43	Netherlands	New preambular paragraph
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.44	Russian Federation	Article 2, paragraph 1 (d)
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.45	Friends of the Chairman	Preamble and revised texts of articles 1 (paras. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6), 2, 2 bis, 4 to 12 bis and 13 to 17
A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.46	Switzerland	Article 2

II. PROCEEDINGS OF THE WORKING GROUP

7. Discussions were held both in the Working Group and in informal consultations. On the basis of those discussions, a series of draft texts were prepared and revised by a group of Friends of the Chairman for consideration by the Working Group (A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.31 and Add.1 and A/C.6/52/WG.1/CRP.45 and Rev.1 and 2).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP

[to be added]

Notes

[1] Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 37 (A/52/37).

[2] Ibid., annex I.A.